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39; and the number of deaths from the same cause was 24—white, 12; colored, 12.

Respectfully,

JNO. VANSANT,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Case of smallpox at Eagle Pass, Tex.

[Telegram.]

EAGLE PASS, TEX., September 7, 1900.

Case smallpox in Mexican portion of town. County authorities have it in charge.

HUME.

Report of medical officer at Galveston, Tex., relative to recent hurricane.

GALVESTON, TEX., September 11, 1900.

Galveston wrecked; no house escaped damages; 10 acres without trace of house left; number of drowned can not be estimated; St. Marys Infirmary wrecked; will assist dressing the wounded; official.

PECKHAM.

Treatment of steamship Holstein, fruit vessel, from Port Limon, Costa Rica, at Cape Charles Quarantine, etc.

SIR: Confirming my telegram of this date concerning the fruit steamer *Holstein*, I have the honor to report more fully as follows: The vessel arrived at quarantine about 9 o'clock September 4, eight days from Port Limon. Dr. Thomas stated the sanitary condition of crew was good, and that the vessel had been twice disinfected, but he did not give the details of disinfection. We carefully cross questioned the captain and mate, and from them ascertained that all the clothing of captain was destroyed, and clothes of crew hung up in closed room and subjected to formaldehyd for fifteen hours. All bedding, cushions, curtains, etc., were soaked in barrels of carbolic acid solution. All living apartments were thoroughly washed with carbolic acid and repainted. Hold was fumigated with sulphur and kept closed for six days, then painted.

We carefully examined crew with thermometer and no cases of fever were found, and the men showed no evidence of sickness en route. Log book was also examined. As the vessel was in Port Limon for eight days after the captain's death without sickness, and no evidence of sickness en route, I considered it perfectly safe to allow her to dock. Assistant Surgeon Wille was placed aboard with orders to allow no one ashore. The decks of vessel were thoroughly flushed with salt water before reaching Newport News. The cargo was unloaded by stevedores, the crew having no contact with the fruit or stevedores. The fruit company, not having finished unloading, quit work at 7 p. m., and I being present, ordered the vessel well out into the stream for the night in order to doubly guard against any escape of crew. The vessel will finish discharging her cargo this afternoon, and I granted permission for her to take on bunker coal under Dr. Wille's supervision, the crew to trim the coal. I also ordered Dr. Wille, on finishing coaling, to bring the ship to the quarantine station, and I strongly advised the agent to have the vessel thoroughly fumigated before going to sea. He said that he would decide to-day. Dr. Hobson, local quarantine officer, concurred